Take-over of madarsas

†2850. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take over madarsas in the country, to improve their conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Informal education in Jharkhand

2851. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any funds/assistance to Jharkhand under informal education scheme, during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Non-Formal Education (NFE), the undivided State of Bihar (including areas falling now in Jharkhand) was provided with financial assistance during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for running of Non-Formal Education centre for "out-of school" children in the age-group 6—14. This scheme came to a close on 31-3-2001. A major

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